



The City of New York has had several waivers approved by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to provide support for families in receipt of **child care assistance** and the providers and programs that provide child care services for these families.

Family Share (Fees) for Child Care Assistance

The City of New York has obtained a waiver from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to suspend all family fees for families receiving child care assistance, beginning March 16, 2020, and through at least the next 30 days. The waiver applies to both contract and voucher programs. If a program or provider has collected fees from families for this period, payments should be refunded to families or have their accounts credited accordingly.

Child Care Assistance Re-Certifications

The City of New York has obtained a waiver from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to extend all Child Care Subsidy eligibility determinations that are coming due for recertification, for at least the next 30 days. All Child Care Subsidy cases that are due to be recertified in March or April 2020 will be extended until May 2020.

Payment for Absences

The City of New York has obtained a waiver from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to pay for all child absences due to COVID-19 for 30 days beginning March 16, 2020. The waiver applies to both contract and voucher programs including Day Care Centers, Group Family Day Care, Family Day Care, Legally-Exempt Group Programs and School Age Child Care. Programs must be open for a child to be absent. Legally-exempt family child care and in-home child care providers are **not** eligible to receive payment for absences.

Program Closures

The City of New York has obtained a waiver from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to pay for all program closure days due to COVID-19 for 30 days beginning March 16, 2020. The waiver applies to both contract and voucher programs including Day Care Centers, Group Family Day Care, Family Day Care, Legally-Exempt Group Programs and School Age Child Care. Programs must notify their licensing agency (DOHMH or OCFS) of their closure. Legally-exempt family child care and in-home child care providers are **not** eligible to receive payment for program closures.